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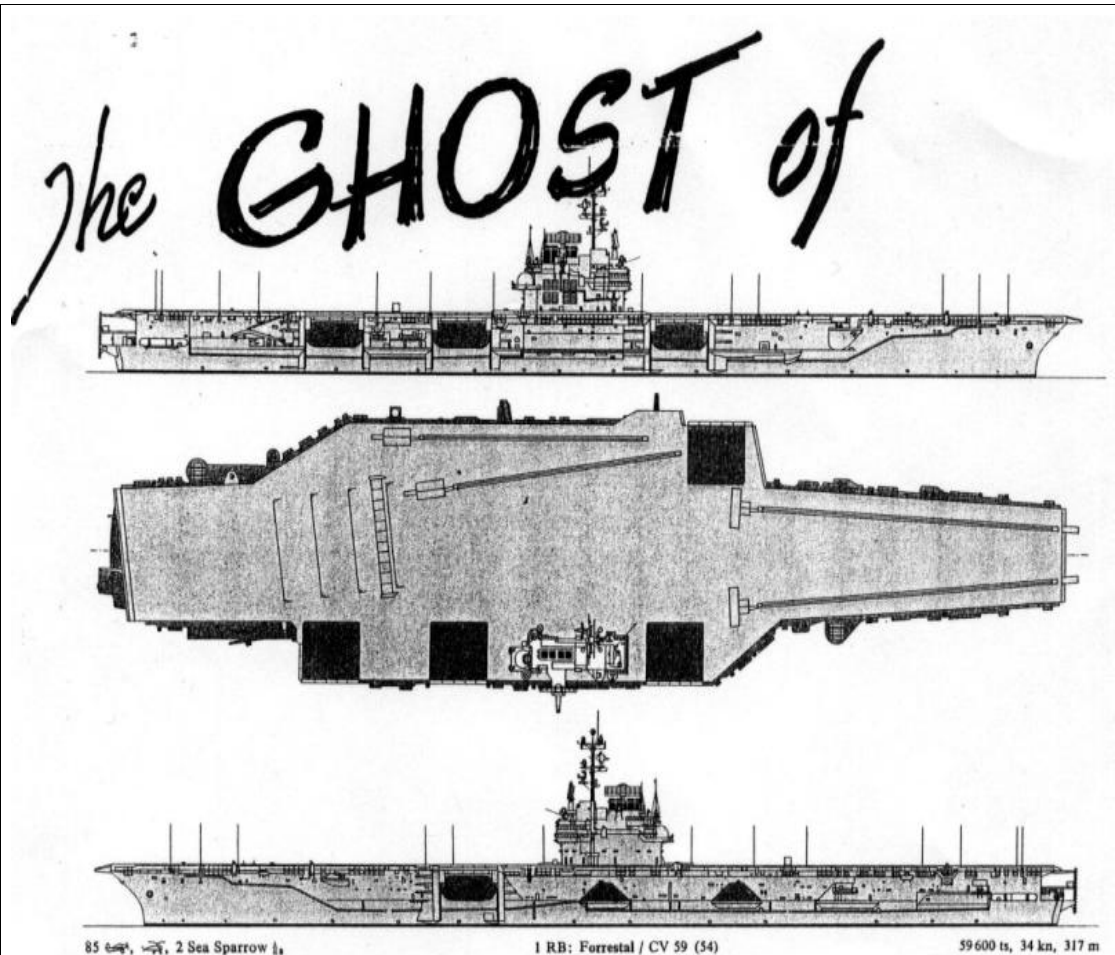


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Sunday Morning Net Schedules

- **2 Meter/ 70cm Net**.....at 09:30et on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net**at 10:00et 28.393 MHz USB (\pm QRM)
- **75 meter Net**at 10:20et 3.993 MHz LSB

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The club meets at 7:30 PM on the **second non-holiday Wednesday** of every month except July and August at **The Masonic Home**
801 Ridge Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA
19444-1799

All visitors are welcome!

License Examinations

are held on the **first non-holiday Thursday** each month (except July and August) at **Northeast High School,**

Cottman and Algon Streets, Philadelphia PA

Registration begins at 6:00 P.M. Enter through the SPARC wing. Exams begin and doors closed and locked at **6:30 P.M.**

Sharp! Applicants should call Dusty ND3Q at 215-879-0505 (day) or 215 482 0386 (eve) for the latest information.

Club Stations

W3QV Club Repeater – Trustee: W3BBB

Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA

147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz

W3AA at Northeast High School –Trustee: WU3I

Cottman and Algon Streets, Philadelphia, PA

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Committees

Archives: NG3P

Audit: NS3K

Awards: open

Blurb folding:

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Directory:WB3KOJ

DX: N3MT

Emerg.Coar.: N3XKE

Field Day: open

Internet: K3XS

Membership: W3LEN

Net Control: KB3IV

Publicity: W3RM

Program: Club VP

Public Service: open

Refreshments: W3AOK

Repeater: W3BBB

Skywarn: WX3PHI

Sunshine: N3GLU

Youth: N3MT

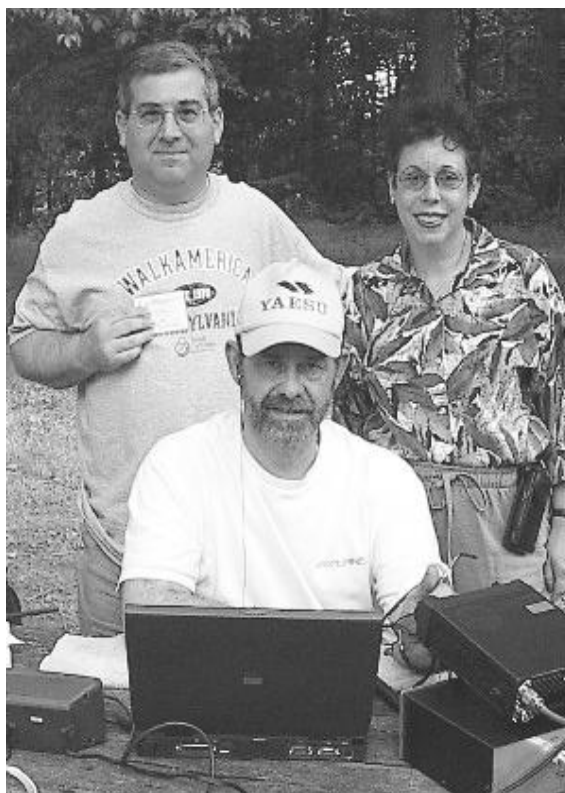
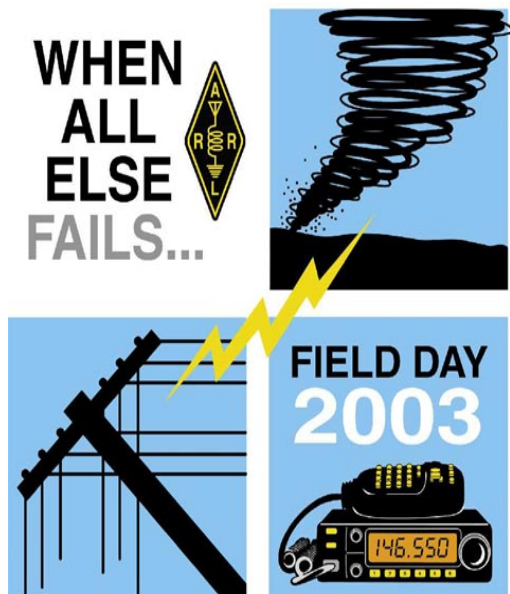
TVI: W3VVS

VE Program: ND3Q

W3AA Trustee: WU3I

Welcome: K3CJ.

Pictures from FD 2003



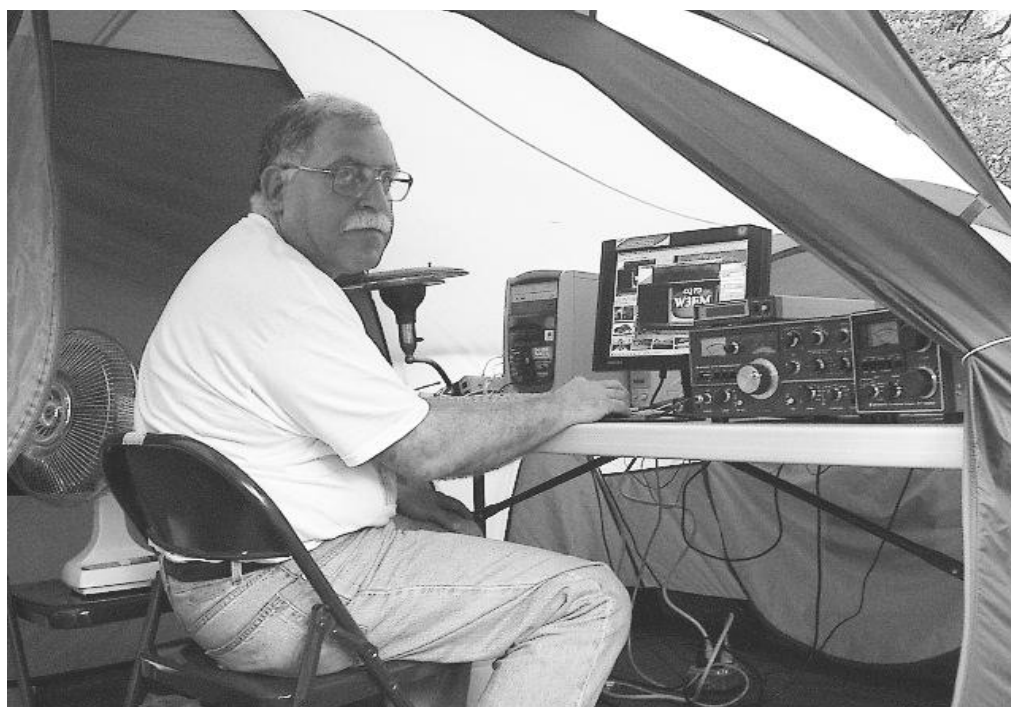
KB3IV (da Prez) mans 75m phone
(under supervision, of course)



Your Editor K3XS in the APRS/packet/satellite station
(alas no birds this year...)



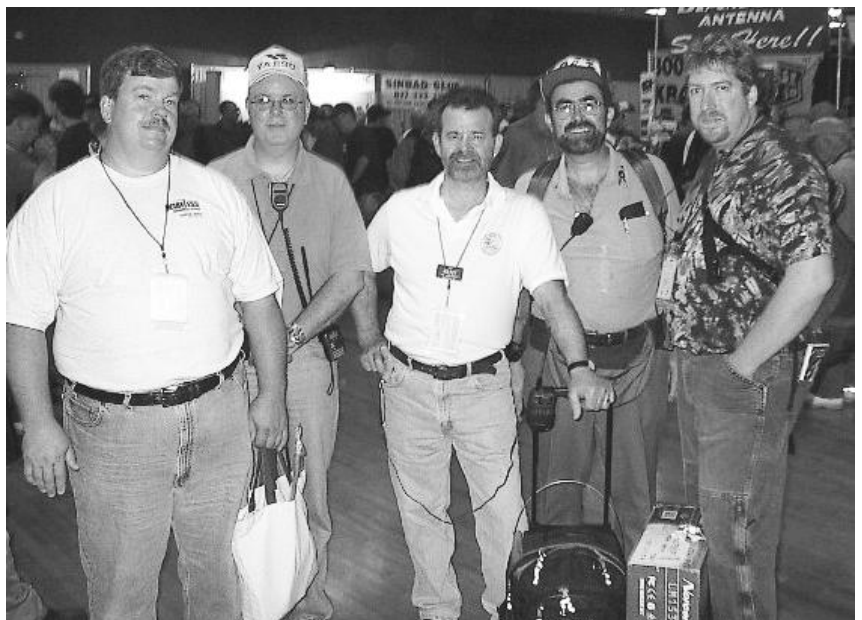
Ted N3OWM with his ATV demonstration R/C car

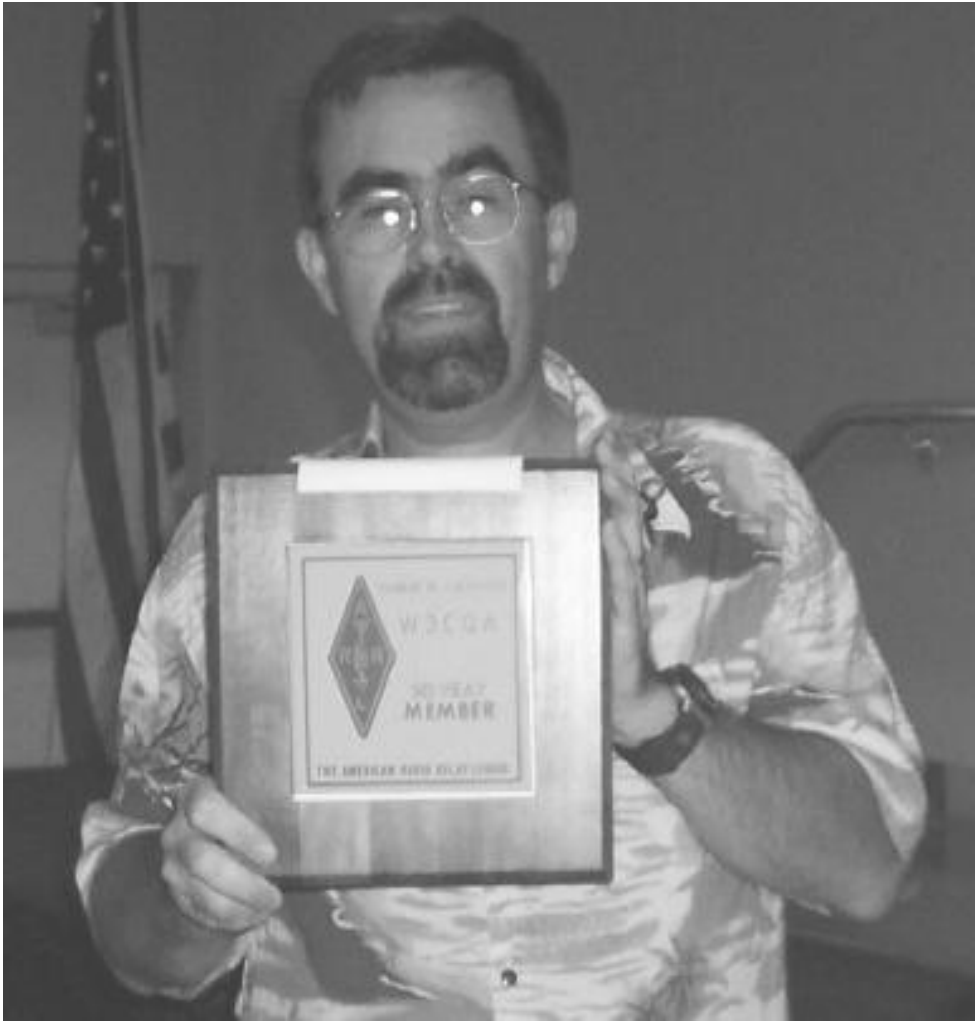


WA3KIO provided a highly automated HF digital modes station



PMRC at *Dayton*
Hamvention 2003





At the PMRC September meeting, WU3I proudly displays a piece of amateur radio history. The PMRC club station W3AA now shares space with Northeast High School Amateur Radio Club W3YC, Philadelphia, believed to be the oldest high school Amateur Radio club in the United States. W3YC was founded by Charles Hackenyost W3CQA in the 1920's, when the school was located at 8th St. and Lehigh Avenue. Steve discovered that his high school english teacher was W3CQA's son, and we will now be privileged to display this plaque, commemorating W3CQA's 50th anniversary as a member of ARRL, at W3AA/W3YC.

PA QSO Party Oct 11-12

The 46th Annual Pennsylvania QSO Party will be held October 11 and 12, 2003 Sponsored by the Nittany Amateur Radio Club of State College, Pa. OPERATING PERIODS – 1600Z October 11 to 0500Z October 12 and 1300Z October 12 to 2200Z October 12

FREQUENCIES

SSB: 1850, 3980, 7280, 14280, 21380, 28310, 50.125, 146.55 (12,17,30 meter and repeater QSOs NOT permitted.) CW: 40 KHz up from the bottom and 1810 KHz. 160 METERS – Try at 0300Z Sunday. Follow 160 Band Plan, CW – 1.800–1.830, SSB – above 1.850

HIGH BAND ACTIVITY

PERIODS – Saturday & Sunday: 10m – 1800z, 15m – 1900z, 20m – 2000z, SSB on the hour, CW on the half hour.

See the PA QSO PARTY WEB SITE – <http://www.nittany-arc.org/paqso.html> – For details, rules and latest info

For Halloween, our Blurb artist Sam N3QAE brings us the story of...

The Ghost of the Carrier USS Forrestal

A flight deck fire resulting from a crash landing in 1967 claimed 137 lives. One of them, an officer, is believed to be George, the khaki-clad ghost that haunts the lower decks where the food storage and pump rooms are located.

One of the storage rooms that George haunts was used as a morgue after the fire of 1967.

Sailors on board at the time say the seagoing ghost opens and closes doors and has been seen walking through steel doors. He speaks to them, and once phoning a shocked sailor on a phone that was disconnected. The ship was haunted for years, says Lt. James Brooks, then the ship's Public Affairs Officer. Mess specialist James Hillard said "I was working on the fourth deck one day, and looked out into the passageway and I saw him,

a misty figure in a khaki uniform. He passed by me about five feet away. He looked just like any human, only I could see right through him. He just 'melted' through a door into a food storage room. I watched and waited for him to come out, but he did not, so I went into that room to look for him, and no one was there. That room was empty, and there was no other door out."

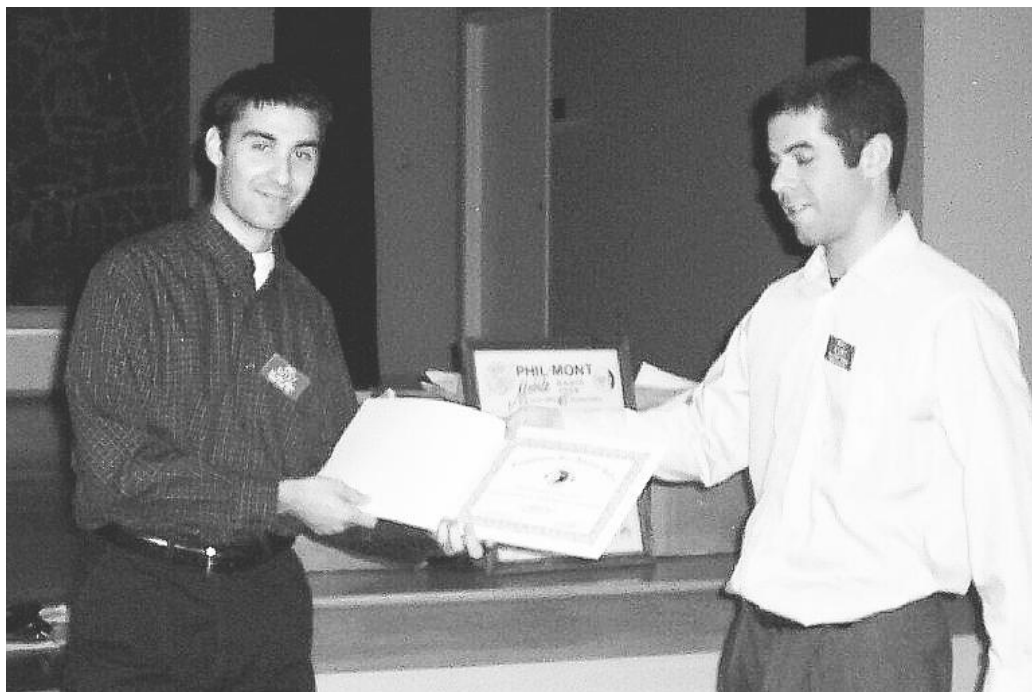
Specialist Gary Weiss had a similar encounter. "I saw George, in his khaki uniform, go down a ladder into Pump Room Number One. I went down the ladder after him and no one was there, and that ladder was the only access to the pump room."

Specialist Daniel Balboa said he heard stories about "George" when he came aboard in 1985, and said he was skeptical about those stories.

"But I'm a believer today, One day I was walking from one freezer to another in checking on supplies. You have to go through one compartment to get to the next one, and I had to close the doors behind me, but when I turned back to leave, all three doors were open, and the doors cannot be opened from the outside without a key and I had the only one. So it had to be George, up to his shenanigans."

One engineer stated he was climbing a ladder to the next deck above when something grabbed his pants leg, and pulled him down. When he looked around for the culprit, no one was there. It was George again.

Many have witnessed lights going



N3MT presents the PMRC 2003 Haring Memorial Scholarship Award to Eric D. Marano W3YXZ (whose callsign was given incorrectly in last month's Blurb, sorry!).

N3MT was last year's Haring Scholarship winner.

on or off when no one was even close to a switch. Others heard George talking from a sound-proof room.

Those who have heard or seen the antics of George say "Sure, it's eerie and sometimes scary to be working on a haunted ship, but they have grown accustomed to George and hope he stays aboard. We have grown to like our prankster ghost." But I notice some say that with fingers crossed and a wary eye...

From the ARRL EPA Section News

(9/8/2003) E. Pa. Section Staff again participating in the NBC-10, WCAU TechFest.

For the Third year the E. Pa.

Section Leadership will be participating in the TechFest event sponsored by NBC-10 WCAU Philadelphia and organized by Network Events Inc.

However, this year the event location has been changed to the Ft. Washington Expo Center in Ft. Washington, PA. (instead of the PA Convention Center in Phila.) The dates for the event are Saturday November 8, 2003 and Sunday November 9, 2003. Also the name of the event has been changed to "Technology & Lifestyles Expo".

There is no admission charge for the event.
73 Eric, WB3FPL

(9/8/2003) Pottstown Area Amateur Radio Club – (PAARC) conducting a (first ever) Special Event Station in conjunction with the 12th Annual East Coast Hobo Gathering.

This event take place in Pennsburg, PA at the site of a historic hobo jungle on Saturday, September 20th starting at 10 AM running until 4 PM. We will be using the General SSB's on 15, 20 & 40 M. Certificate info is available at www.hobo.com or ARRL or September QST.

This hobo gathering is the largest event of its type in the hobo culture. Eclectic, interesting and fun people from all over the country will be there.

73 Reg Leister – N3KAS

PMRC September Board Meeting

Attending the meeting were: Ted KB3HAQ, Maggie K3XS, Jim W3BBB, Ed KB3IV, Al W3STW, Fred WA3KIO, Mike N3MT, Dick W3RM, Steve WU3I, and Gene N3XKE.

Ed KB3IV called the meeting to order at 8:03pm. Dick W3RM gave the treasurers report. Things stayed much the same due to little activity over the summer. Steve made a motion to accept the report with Jim seconding it.

Dick received a letter from the Foundation for Amateur Radio that the scholarship committee made 59 awards. There were 7 qualified applicants applying for the Claude H. Haring Memorial Scholarship fund. The winner was Eric Marano N3YXZ of Harleysville, PA.

There were no new applicants this month.

Maggie K3XS is always looking for articles for the Blurb. The new directory update will be out.

The website had been kept up to date as new info for the MS150 has been sent.

Mike N3MT reported nothing new on DX but would like to be involved with activities at Northeast High and DX there.

Gene N3XKE reported nothing on the emergency coordinator's end.

Steve WU3I is will not be Field Day coordinator for next year's event. Philmont is looking for someone to take over the duties. Steve will continue to set up antennas and handle cooking duties.

With elections for board members coming up in December, a discussion was held on forming a nominating committee. Appointed were Al W3STW, Ed KB3IV and Mike N3MT.

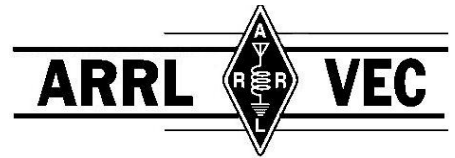
Membership: W3LEN has new format welcome packets for new members.

Nets: Eric N3YXZ has offered to be a net control for 2 and 75 meters.

Al W3STW reported on pending meeting programs.

September: MS150 Package handouts.

October: Verizon – Fiber optic cables.



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VE Exam Session Statistics

for September 11th 2003

One candidate took one element, resulting in an upgrade.

The VE team was chaired by Dusty Rhoads **ND3Q**, and the other participating VEs were :

Arthur Clemons N8BLK

Roger Shannon KB3CYB

Raymond Collins W3CX

Robert Freer W3YLT

Jim McCloskey NS3K

Jim Perry W3JRP

Jeff Kerber N3VE

Carol Hutkin K2BL

Upcoming Exam Sessions:

October 2, 2003, November 6, 2003,

December 4, 2003.

(See page 2 for details)

November: BPL – Broadband over power lines.

December: Elections and Satellites.

Repeater: An offsite is in the works in the Villanova area.

Echolink has been on for 6 months. A discussion was held on using a timer to disable Echolink between 10pm and 6am. Southampton is still down. Also, new UHF cavities will not be needed in the main site. Jim W3BBB is working on a new alarm.

VE session for September will be the second Thursday due to the holiday.

W3AA: School is starting back. Al W3STW and Steve WU3I will be proposing an after school, extra curriculum Amateur Radio Education class.

At 9:53pm Al W3STW made a motion to adjourn. Dick W3RM seconded it.

73 de WA3KIO

PMRC September General Meeting

Ed KB3IV called the meeting to order at 8pm.

W3AA: Steve WU3I reported on obtaining a plaque that had originally belonged to his high school English teacher's father, Charles Hackenyost W3CQA, who had been instrumental in the original Northeast High School (8th & Lehigh) ham station in the 1920's. The plaque will be displayed at W3AA.

Classes will be starting classes for the school kids. Copies of "Now You're Talking" and "Technician Q & A's" will be needed. Some Thursday stand-ins may be needed.

Echolink will be locked out from 11pm to 7pm, changed from the discussed times at the board meeting.

Field Day: Scores were down due to poor band conditions. A new Field Day chairperson is needed.

Blurb: Maggie K3XS is still looking for articles for the Blurb. Also send any updated info for the

club directory to Don WB3KOJ.

Repeater: Jim W3BBB reported on working to get a Villanova input site.

Nets: Ed KB3IV reported the nets ran fine over the summer. Ed also introduced our newest net control, Eric N3YXZ.

DX: Mike N3MT reported that DX has been relatively poor partly due to the downside of the sun spot cycle. Mike recommended putting people on the lower bands instead of round the clock on 10, 15 and 20 to keep the 75 and 40-meter stations going 24 hours.

VE Program: Dusty ND3Q reported that the first Thursday of the month would continue for VE testing.

Treasurer: Dick W3RM reported there was little activity this time of year.

Bills are paid and we are solvent.

Scholarship: Dick spoke on the Jack Haring Memorial Fund and introduced the winner of this year's scholarship: Eric Marano N3YXZ of Harleysville, PA.

Ed introduced our nominating committee, himself, Mike N3MT, and Al W3STW. See any of them if you would like to run for office. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

At this time, Al turned things over to Russ W3CH for the distribution of the 2003 MS150 packets.

73 de WA3KIO



October Birthdays

01 Ed Masarsky – KB3IV
 Charlie Phelps – N3OOV
 02 Susan DeCicco (XYL KE3QB)
 Donna Stevenson (XYL K3HWE)
 03 David Colucci – KB3HOE*
 04 Joe Elmaleh – K3HIJ
 05 Domenic Cantarella – K3DTC
 06 Joan Freer (XYL W3YLT)
 10 Patricia DiNardi – (XYL N3XKE)
 11 Charlye Johnson, Jr. – K3CJ
 14 Harry Eberlin – WA3AZS
 Bill Mescanti, Jr. – WB3KUR
 21 Dan Greene – K3HES
 23 Ed Rykaczewski – W3ALM
 25 Rosalie Weinberg (XYL WP4MSX)
 31 Dick Klein – W3WXC
 *New Member 2003

Membership Stats

At press time P.M.R.C. has:
107 FULL PAID MEMBERS
9 FAMILY MEMBERS
2 YOUTH MEMBERS
2 HONORARY MEMBERS
1 PENDING MEMBERS

Proposed new member:
 Stephen J. Victor – WA2DTW (extra)
 (Steve)1420 Whitwood Drive Blue Bell,
 PA 19422 Occupation: Neurologist
 victorsj@yahoo.com

Date	October 2003 with PMRC
Wed 01	PMRC board meets at WRDV
Thu 02	
Fri 03	
Sat 04	
Sun 05	NCS: 2m W3YXZ – 75m W3YXZ
Mon 06	
Tue 07	
Wed 08	PMRC General Meeting at Masonic Home – see page 2
Thu 09	Columbus Day
Fri 10	
Sat 11	
Sun 12	NCS: 2m N3OWM – 75m WA3KIO
Mon 13	
Tue 14	
Wed 15	
Thu 16	
Fri 17	
Sat 18	
Sun 19	NCS: 2m KB3IV – 75m KB3IV
Mon 20	
Tue 21	
Wed 22	
Thu 23	
Fri 24	
Sat 25	
Sun 26	NCS: 2m N3FTY – 75m W3STW
Mon 27	
Tue 28	
Wed 29	
Thu 30	
Fri 31	Halloween

Hello all,

This is an early report on the MS-150 City To Shore bike tour over past weekend.

First, if you helped out. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

We had less riders this year then last. We had about 5,639 this year and so far we have \$2 million, and counting, in money raised. Not a bad week ends work!

I would also like to thank Steve, WU3I, John, N3VIF, Dave, KE3LK, Bob, KB2ERL and Frank, for all the fine antenna help in changing the repeater's to omni. Plus moving the business band up about 8 feet or so to clear the bell tower. great work and thank you! The system worked well.

Don't forget to sign up early next year to get the great spot you want!

Very Best of 73,

Russ, W3CH

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